

The Senior and Junior Deacons then proceed to the stone with the trowel and gavel.

The Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Sword Bearer, and accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, proceeds to the stone. The Grand Master at the East, the Deputy on his right, Senior Warden at the West, Junior Warden at the South.

The Grand Master takes the trowel from the Junior Grand Deacon, and spreads the cement.

The covering stone is then lowered into its place with three gradual motions. At each halt the band plays a part of the National Anthem, and the brethren give the public Grand Honors.

The Grand Master then takes the gavel from the Senior Grand Deacon, strikes the stone three times and says :

Well made—well proved—truly laid—true and trusty ; and may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the Craftsmen according to the Grand Plan, in Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love.

The Grand Master and Officers return to their stations. The Grand Master announces :

I, John Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, declare this Corner-Stone to be Plumb, Level and Square, and so duly laid according to the Ancient usages, customs, and Landmarks of Free Masonry ; and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless the work here begun, and make it memorable to the latest generation.

The Grand Stewards then proceed to the Stone with Corn, Wine and Oil.

The Grand Officers then proceed to the Stone. The R. W. Dep. Grand Master presents the cornucopia to the Grand Master, who drops the corn on the stone, and says :

May plenty be showered down upon the people of this Town, Province and Empire, and may the labors of the Craft be refreshed by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

The R. W. Senior G. Warden then presents the Wine to the Grand Master, who pours it on the stone, and says :

May the health of the craftsmen employed in erecting this Building be preserved to them, and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper their labors.

The R. W. Junior G. Warden then presents the Oil to the Grand Master, who pours it on the Stone, and says :

May the Supreme Ruler of the World vouchsafe unity, peace and prosperity to the people of Nova Scotia, and to the nations of the earth ; preserve and protect the fraternity of Freemasons ; make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world, and the labors of the Craftsmen easy and their burdens light.

May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessaries of life abound among men throughout the world ; may the Blessing of Almighty God be upon this